the Deputy Commissioners and Divisional Commissioners of the respective Districts/Divisions. In the 3 districts of Gulbarga, Bidar Raichur, the staff was retained as separate and independent cadres of Development Department. They too have been ordered to be absorbed in the correspondence cadres of Revenue Department.

(e) No.

(f) The officials in the cadre of Block Managers/Accountants were not getting promotions since there was no provision in the Recruitment Rules. The officials in the cadres of Ist Division Clerks and II Division Clerks were being promoted within the limited scope available to them. Now that they have been absorbed in Revenue Department it is hoped that chances of their promotion would improve

(g) This aspect is under consideration of the Government.

Lecturers in Krishnarajpet Junior College.

453. SRI S. M. LINGAPPA (Krishnarajpet).—Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of lecturers working in the Junior College, Krishnarajpet during 1978-79 ;

(*b*) the number of vacant posts of Lecturers ?

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) 9 (Nine)

(*b*) 1 (One)

Absence of Ministers during Question Hour.

MR. SPEAKER.—Now, Papers to be laid on the Table.

† SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR (Chickpet).—Sir, before we go to the next item of the agenda I want to make a submission. Sir, the Question Hour in the Legislature is an important time which affords opportunity to the Members to put questions ; elicit information ; point out shortcomings in the administration and remedial action ; extract answers or promises from the Ministers concerned. This fact has been emphasised over again and that is how I understand the importance of Question Hour. But the attitude of the Government in this behalf has been deplorable to say the least. Every now and then one Minister or the other or group of them are absent for one reason or other. To-day question or questions which were set down during the last session have been taken up after a lapse of several weeks or months. Some Minister is not ready because he does not